

Amendments from Disability Agencies: 187, 275, 451, 481, 503, 631, 731, 1021, 1058, 1064, 1156, 1189, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop and others move to amend H. 4700 in section 2, by striking item 4110-1000 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

4110-1000 For the community services program; provided, that the Massachusetts commission for the blind shall work in collaboration with the Massachusetts commission for the deaf and hard of hearing to provide assistance and services to the deaf-blind community through the deaf-blind community access network; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the talking information center provided further, that not less than \$450,000 shall be expended for the deaf-blind community access network; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Audible Local Ledger of Falmouth; and provided that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to provide adaptive technology services for school-age children who are blind to ensure increased competence in the use of technological equipment and academic and professional development and self-sufficiency .....\$4,553,764

And move to further amend the bill in section 2, by striking item 4120-2000 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

4120-2000 For vocational rehabilitation services operated in cooperation with the federal government; provided, that no funds from the federal vocational rehabilitation grant or state appropriation shall be deducted for pensions, group health and life insurance and any other such indirect cost of the federally-reimbursed state employees; provided further, that the commissioner, in making referrals to service providers, shall take into account the client's place of residence and the geographic proximity of the nearest provider to the residence; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended on special vocational projects in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston for people with disabilities; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for services provided by the Life Focus Center in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston.....\$10,957,697

And move to further amend the bill in section 2, by striking item 4120-3000 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

4120-3000 For employment assistance services; provided, that vocational evaluation and employment services for severely disabled adults may, subject to appropriation, be provided; provided further, that

not less than \$100,000 shall be expended on special projects in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston for people with disabilities; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Charlestown Navy Yard project for disabled adults in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston .....\$ 8,562,927

And move to further amend the bill in section 2, by striking item 4120-4000 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

4120-4000     For independent living assistance service; provided further, that \$3,840,000 shall be expended for the independent living centers contracted with the commission; provided, that not less than \$949,295 shall be expended for assistive technology devices and training for individuals with severe disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the SHARE Foundation at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Joseph F. Timilty Adult Day Health and Memory Loss Center; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended on Living Independently for Equality, Inc. of Brockton for the operation of participants to meet other physically challenged individuals and take part in a number of therapeutic activities .....\$12,400,937

And move to further amend the bill in section 2, by striking item 4120-6000 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

4120-6000     For head injured services; provided, that the commission shall work with the executive office of health and human services to maximize federal reimbursement for clients receiving head injured services; provided further, that the commission shall expend funds on a 24-hour basis for persons with severe head injuries in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Cape Cod head injury program .....\$10,852,243